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SUBJECT: EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS

1. THE SECRETARY HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE LACK OF DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FLOW OF JEWISH EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL, THE APPLICATION OF THE EDUCATION TAX AND THE GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF EMIGRANTS. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AND IN ORDER TO HANDLE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH LEGISLATION RELATING TO MFN AUTHORITY FOR USSR. ALTHOUGH IT IS RECORDED THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS THE MOST LIKELY SOURCE FOR SOME OF THE INFORMATION NEEDED, ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY ANY DATA AVAILABLE FROM THEIR SOURCES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE ITEMS IN PARAGRAPH THREE AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED.

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2. FOR TEL AVIV: DEPARTMENT WILL APPROACH ISRAELI EMBASSY MARCH 15 WITH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. NO APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN TEL AVIV UNLESS SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS SENT.

3. FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION REQUIRED:

A. IMMIGRATION FIGURES BY MONTH FOR 1972 AND 1973.

(NOTE: TWO SETS OF FIGURES WILL BE COMPILED, ONE FOR NUMBER OF VISAS ISSUED BY NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND ONE FOR ARRIVALS IN ISRAEL. WE HAVE FIGURES FOR ARRIVALS IN ISRAEL THROUGH DECEMBER, 1972, BUT NONE FOR 1973. WE HAVE NO MONTH- BY- MONTH BREAKDOWN FOR VISA ISSUANCE FIGURES IN 1972.)

B. NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL EMIGRANTS THEORETICALLY SUBJECT TO EDUCATION TAX (BY MONTH, SINCE AUGUST, 1972)

C. NUMBER OF FAMILIES OF SUCCESSFUL EMIGRANTS WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SUBJECT TO EDUCATION TAX AND TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SO AFFECTED (BY MONTH)

D. TOTAL EDUCATION TAX PAID AND RANGE OF INDIVIDUAL TAX ASSESSMENTS (BY MONTH, IF POSSIBLE)

E. NUMBER OF WAIVERS OF EDUCATION TAX IN ACCORD WITH REVISED SCALE OF FEES (BY MONTH FROM JANUARY, 1973)

F. NUMBER OF WAIVERS OF EDUCATION TAX FOR " HARDSHIP" OR OTHER REASONS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN PUBLISHED SCALE OF FEES (BY MONTH FROM AUGUST 1972).

G. PLACE OF ORIGIN OF SUCCESSFUL IMMIGRANTS BY REPUBLIC AND ALSO BY CITY FOR MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV; BY MONTH, IF POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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